

Amendment to the Specification

The abstract is amended as follows:

A locking device for an extension pipe of a vacuum cleaner is provided, which requires a reduced number of parts and simple assembling, includes that has a holder having a first and a second connection parts formed at both ends, and a locking hole in correspondence to a fixing hole formed in the extension pipe. ~~₪~~ The first and the second connection parts beingare connected to the operation handle and the extension pipe, respectively, and the locking hole ~~beingis~~ is formed at a side of the second connection part. ~~a~~ A cap is connected to an outer surface of the second connection part of the holder, and ~~comprisinghas~~ an elastic locking member integrally formed therein and elastically biased toward the locking direction. ~~the elastic locking member having a hook protruded from the inside of the holder through the locking hole into the second connection part to thereby lock the extension pipe, and an unlocking lever pivotally disposed on the outer surface of the holder to be pivoted on an axis, and comprising an operation end being connected with a free end of the elastic locking member and a user operation button part extended from the operation end.~~

The paragraph at page 9, lines 4-8 is amended as follows:

As the extension pipe 121 is separated and as the external force which has been exerted on the button part 320 is removed, the resilient locking member 210 is returned by its recovery force to the initial position, where the hook 211 is passed through the locking hole 102a into the second connection part 102. The locking device has an elastic member 600 for elastically biasing the locking member 210 in a locking direction. The elastic member 600 is a compression coil spring.